

This is the first posting of the Virtual LAMP Post. Please let me know what you think and how it can be improved. Thanks.

The FESHE Web page has been updated and I urge you to visit it
http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/higher_ed/

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FESHE CONFERENCE

Last year's Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) conference, by all accounts, was well received by the attendees. Plans are underway to release a CD-ROM with FESHE presentations slides from the first conference in 1999 to the last. Several products and outcomes from these conferences are worth noting:

- FESHE program mark (shown in the background). It can be used by any party committed to fire-related higher education. The program mark can be downloaded at http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/higher_ed/feshe_conf/ This mark will also be available as a lapel pin through our publications center early next year.
- National Professional Development Model. This model prescribes the integration of training, education and certification for Fire Officer I – IV to minimize duplications of effort for aspiring candidates. You can learn more about this model at http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/higher_ed/pro_dev/ This model is available as a poster from the USFA Publications Office and can be ordered at: <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/applications/publications/display.cfm?id=&mc=&sc=&ol=&it=&st=FESHE&sp=&sr=1&rp=5&sp=>
- Fire Science Model Curriculum (see below)

The FESHE Steering Committee met December 2 – 4, 2004 to develop the conference agenda. This year's conference is June 4 – 6, 2005. Topics have been identified and an agenda will be posted after all the speakers have confirmed their availability. Conference invitations will be posted on the Virtual LAMP Post by February 2005.

FESHE MODEL CURRICULUM

- In 2001, the National Fire Science Curriculum Committee (NFSCC) was formed to develop standard titles, descriptions, outcomes, and outlines for each of the six core courses. In 2002, the FESHE IV conference attendees approved the model courses and outlines. The major publishers of fire-related textbooks are committed to writing texts for some, or all, of these courses.

On December 2 – 4, 2004, members of the National Fire Science Curriculum Committee (NFSCC) met at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The NFSCC is comprised of two groups: Associate's and Bachelor's. The Associate's group reviewed the outlines for the six core and seven non-core model courses, including the review of five newly-published textbooks written to directly support them.

To view and download the model fire science course outlines, go to:

http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/higher_ed/model/

- The Bachelor's group discussed issues about the shape of fire-related doctoral and master's degree programs. A presentation at the FESHE VII conference (June 4 – 6, 2005) will include recommendations for a work group to act on.

ADD YOUR COLLEGE TO USFA's DEGREE PROGRAMS LIST

If your program is accredited by regional higher education accrediting commission and it offers a degree in a fire- and emergency services-related area, you are encouraged to add your school's URL link to our list of degree programs found at http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/higher_ed/degree_programs/accredited_college.shtm. Please send an email to Lori.Welch@dhs.gov with your link and by which regional commission your school is accredited.

FIRE-RELATED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Harvard Fellowship application deadline is January 31, 2005. Got to <http://www.infire.org/orgs.html> for more information.

FIREFIGHTER SAFETY: CALLING THE MAYDAY

Firehouse Training Live will feature a live Webcast January 20, 2005 (3:00 p.m. EST) featuring Dr. Burton Clark of the National Fire Academy on Mayday decisions.

What are the Mayday decision parameters for firefighters? How do we teach the Mayday decision-making process to firefighters? How much Mayday practice do firefighters need? Dr. Clark has been studying mayday doctrine for the fire service for over four years. His presentation focuses on the ins and outs of firefighters calling a mayday. Dr. Clark is requesting those participants wanting to receive a certificate from the National Fire Academy to familiarize themselves with the following articles prior to the event.

For more information, visit: <http://www.firehouse.com/live/clark/>.

TRAINING PROGRAMS FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Because of your affiliation with emergency response services and operations, you are receiving notification of available on-line training programs from Michigan State University (MSU).

The School of Criminal Justice at MSU, in conjunction with Industrial Safety Consultants, Inc., (ISCI) has developed several online emergency response training programs for public and private sector individuals. The following courses are currently available: Hazmat Awareness, Incident Command Awareness, Unified Command Awareness, Emergency Response Planning, Evacuation Coordinator and Bloodborne Pathogen training.

These training programs are located at www.saferesponse.com. MSU is offering these programs for a limited time at no cost. Also, some of these programs may be used for required annual refresher training. Funding for these programs comes from a federal grant and certificates will be made available electronically for each course that has been successfully completed by participants.

Please forward this information (see attached brochure) to all agencies and individuals that may be interested in these training opportunities.

Thank you.

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FROM AMERICAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION'S (ACE) JO ANN ROBINSON:

If you are interested in gaining access to the college credit recommendations made by the American Council on Education for the enclosed National Fire Academy courses, please respond to this e-mail and I'll be happy to contact you.

If you or some of your colleagues are interested in serving as reviewers for the American Council on Education, please connect to this link, <http://acenet.edu/clll/corporate/evaluators.cfm>, complete the evaluator response form, and fax it to the number shown.

As promised, I'm providing the following resource links. These resources should assist you as you seek to help your students achieve their career and educational goals. If I can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Jo Ann

P.S. We hope that you'll pass on the link for the Pocket Guide to College Credits and Degrees to your colleagues.

Pocket Guide Link: <http://acenet.edu/bookstore/pubInfo.cfm?pubID=323>

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CAREER SEARCH RESOURCES

America's Career InfoNet <http://www.careertools.org>
CareerOneStop <http://careeronestop.org>

CAREERS IN BUSINESS <http://www.careers-in-business.com>
Job Web <http://www.jobweb.org>

MY ROAD CAREERS AND MAJORS
<http://www.collegeboard.com/myroad/index.html>

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE INFORMATION

classesUSA <http://www.classesUSA.com>
Distance Education and
Training Council <http://www.detc.org>
DistanceLearn <http://distancelearn.excelsior.edu>
PBS Campus <http://www.pbs.org/campus>

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE LINKS

Accreditation <http://www.chea.org>
American Council on Education <http://www.acenet.edu>
College Is Possible <http://www.collegeispossible.org>
Cooperating Colleges <http://acenet.edu/clll/corporate/coop-colleges.cfm>

CEU PROVIDERS <http://acenet.edu/clll/corporate/ceu.cfm>
Course Providers
http://acenet.edu/clll/corporate/participating_orgs.cfm

EXAMINATION PROVIDERS
<http://acenet.edu/clll/corporate/certif-exam.cfm>

MILITARY PROGRAMS
"ACE" Guide <http://acenet.edu/clll/military/guide.cfm>
Army Transcripts <http://acenet.edu/clll/military/aarts.cfm>
Navy Transcripts
http://acenet.edu/clll/military/smart_navy.cfm

Marine Transcripts http://acenet.edu/clll/military/smart_marine.cfm

TRANSCRIPT SERVICE <https://www.acenet.edu/transcripts/>

<http://acenet.edu/clll/corporate/transcript.cfm>
<http://www.act.org>

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

ACE Examination Providers <http://acenet.edu/clll/corporate/certif-exam.cfm>

College Board CLEP Exams <http://www.collegeboard.org>

Chauncey Group International <http://www.getcollegecredit.com>

Excelsior College Exams <http://www.excelsior.edu>

TRANSFER OF COLLEGE CREDIT

Joint Statement on the Transfer
and Award of Credit <http://www.acenet.edu/clll/joint.cfm>

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For information about jobs in USFA and others around the country, go to:
<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/about/jobs/>. If you wish to post a fire- or emergency
services-related job announcement, you may send it to the USFA Webmaster.

FIRE-RELATED RESEARCH

<http://www.infire.org/orgs.html> offers a list of fire-related libraries world-wide.

RS05: CALL FOR PAPER PRESENTERS

An Invitation...An Opportunity to Make a Difference

The 2005 IFSJLM Research Symposium (RS05) will be held July 9, 2005, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This event is held each year on the Saturday before the beginning of the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) Validation Conference. The Research Symposium supports the refereed scholarly publication published by Oklahoma State University, International Fire Service Journal of Leadership and Management (IFSJLM).

The theme of RS05 is: Best Practices...Improving Fire Leadership and Management. We invite individuals interested in delivering a paper at the symposium to submit no later than February 15, 2005, a one-page paper proposal electronically to editor_ifsjlm@osufpp.org (notice the underscore between editor and ifsjlm) or by regular mail to Dr. Robert England, Department of Political Science, Oklahoma State University, 531 Math Sciences, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078. The proposal should clearly, but briefly, identify the research topic, the scope of the research, and the methods used in the research.

If the proposal is accepted, the expectation is that a 15 to 30 page original (not previously presented or published) paper will be prepared for the symposium. Paper presenters will have approximately 20 minutes to summarize their research to panel members. After all papers have been presented on a panel, discussants will offer comments on the research. All papers will be posted on the IFSJLM website. It is hoped, but not required, that paper presenters will submit their papers to the International Fire Service Journal of Leadership and Management for peer review. No registration fee is required to attend the research event, but all costs associated with attending RS05 are the responsibility of the attendee. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for presenters and discussants.

We hope to see you in Tulsa at RS05.

IFSJLM: CALL FOR PAPERS

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Oklahoma State University (OSU), The International Fire Safety Training Association (IFSTA), and Fire Protection Publications (FPP) are pleased to announce a CALL FOR PAPERS for the first U.S.-based academic journal focusing on fire service leadership and management — International Fire Service Journal of Leadership and Management (IFSJLM). IFSJLM is dedicated to advancing the international fire service by publishing carefully selected peer reviewed articles. As a refereed journal with an international readership comprised of both academics and in-service fire and emergency management professionals, authors are encouraged to submit articles that are of interest to both academics and practitioners.

Chief Dennis Compton, International Fire Service Training Association, has this to say about the new journal: “The International Fire Service Journal of Leadership and Management is sure to provide a quality mechanism to publish academic articles that address the art and science of leadership and management. This opportunity to learn and share through an academic format will drive improvements and provide guidance that will enhance the performance of individuals and organizations throughout the international fire service.”

Articles submitted to the journal go through a double-blind review process. If accepted for publication, articles written by U.S. authors become the property of the journal. Articles submitted for review must be original (not previously published in part or whole) and should not be under review at another journal. Complete information concerning article preparation and submission can be found at the website supporting the journal – www.ifsjlm.org.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY LINKS:

www.fire.gov -- provides info on ongoing fire research around the world and offers a quarterly e-newsletter that is a joint effort between NIST and USFA. [fire.gov](http://www.fire.gov)

www.fire.nist.gov -- contains ready access to NIST's downloadable items, the search engine for publications and has a page on items available for request.

RESEARCH METHODS: <http://www.southwest.msus.edu/rdic/researchtools.html>

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE OR INPUT (consider posting on TRADE-Net, as well <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/trade/>)

Posted on the FESHE Discussion Forum:

Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education Forum Digest for 11/23/04

Date: 11/22/04 15:02 -0500

From: "John Kubilewicz" <station80k@aol.com> via the web

Subject: College credit For Firefighter I

Are any colleges giving credit for completion of Firefighter I (basic firefighter) outside of the college environment (county fire academy, etc) If so how are the credits given--as "free electives" or as a replacement for "Introduction to Fire Protection" I realize this should probably be standardized through FESHE but I'm trying to collect information in response to a request

Please join the Forum at http://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/higher_ed/forums/ or email Mr. Kubilewicz directly.